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FOURTH (SPECIAL) SESSION CONVENED SATURDAY, JANUARY 15,
TO COMPLETE AGENDA ITEMS 6 (DRAFT RESOLUTION EB59/CONF.PAPER
1) AND 12 (PART I, TECHNICAL COOPERATION ONLY) AND TO CONSIDER
ITEMS 13 (REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978/1979)
AND 15 (REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS) TOGETHER. DRAFT
RESOLUTION APPROVED. ITEM 12 DISCUSSIONS EVINced SHART DIS-
AGREEMENTS, STILL UNRESOLVED, ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON PROGRAM
BUDGET POLICY (EB59) CONF.PAPER 2) AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
EB (CONF.PAPER 3). DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
WHA (CONF.PAPER 4, REV.1) NOT STUDIED. ITEMS 13 AND 15 NOT
DISCUSSED. AT START OF SESSION DG MADE UNEXPECTED HALF-HOUR
STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BROAD CONSENSUS REACHED IN
THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE WAS NOT BEING REFLECTED IN THE EB.
SEVERAL MEMBERS RESPONDED THAT WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS ARE
DESIRABLE. MAJOR POINTS DURING DISCUSSIONS ON ITEM 12, PROGRAM
AND BUDGET POLICY (REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF EB,
PART I, TECHNICAL COOPERATION):

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1. THERE SHOULD BE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE PROGRAM
COMMITTEE AND EB IN PROGRAM AND BUDGET FORMULATION
AND EVALUATION.

2. CRITERIA MUST BE DEVELOPED FOR AND APPLIED TO PRO-
JECTS TO BE FUNDED BY INCREASINGLY LARGE SUMS BEING

RELEASED FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION (CANADA, TANZANIA).

3. RECOGNITION THAT WHO MUST NOT BECOME A FUNDING AGENCY BUT HAS A VITAL COORDINATING AND PLANNING ROLE, WHICH MUST NOT BECOME SUBJUGATED TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION (UK).

4. THERE SHOULD BE A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO THE USE OF NATIONALS AS WHO COORDINATORS (ZAMBIA, HONDURAS). THIS WILL BE FULLY DISCUSSED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 21.1 (ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY BY THE EB).

5. NGOS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PLAY GREATER ROLE. DG SAYS MOVING AGGRESSIVELY TOWARD THIS END AND THAT THERE IS CONSENSUS BY BIGGER NGOS QUOTE IN KEEPING WITH WHA POLICY UNQUOTE.

6. EACH RECIPIENT COUNTRY MUST REGOGNIZE AND MEET ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THERE MUST BE NO RETURN TO THE OLD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCEPT (SWAZILAND).

7. SHART DISAGREEMENTS ON REDUCTION OF DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING STATEMENT (FRANCE) THAT WHA DOCUMENTS MUST REFLECT THE OPINIONS OF THE EB AND NOT THOSE OF THE SECRETARIAT. UK MADE FORMAL PROPOSAL THAT SUBCOMMITTEE OF EB BE APPOINTED TO STUDY COST/BENEFIT OF REDUCTION OF DOCUMENTATION. USSR POINTED OUT THAT FINANCIAL REPORT IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THERE IS A LIST OF PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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JECTS IMPLEMENTED OR DROPPED.

8. UK QUESTIONED SIZE OF FUNDS BEING RELEASED (FOUR TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS) TO REGIONAL DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. SOUGHT ASSURANCE THAT FUTURE PROJECT PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO VIGOROUS SCRUTINY AND PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS, REGIONAL COMMITTEES, DG, PROGRAM COMMITTEE, EB AND WHA. RECOGNIZED THAT 1977 IS A TRANSITION YEAR AND ACCEPTS AS UNIQUE ONE-TIME SITUATION. CANADA STRONGLY SUPPORTED NEED FOR EB TO GIVE DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

FYI: DR ACUNA TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 19 FOR THE INAUGURATION AND PLANS TO RETURN TO GENEVA JANUARY 24. CATTO

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